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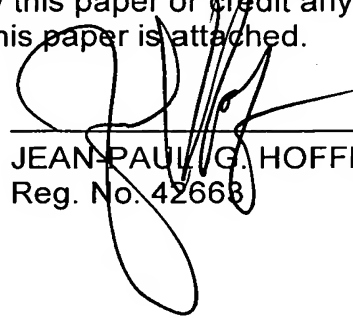


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Title: MASK HANDLING METHOD, AND MASK AND DEVICE OR APPARATUS
COMPRISING A GRIPPER THEREFOR, DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD AND
DEVICE MANUFACTURED THEREBY

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks: